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Acadia University Library is happy to announce that Maggie Neilson and Britanie Wentzell started continuing appointments on July 1st, 2016. Maggie and Britanie were previously on contract positions, but are now officially permanent!

Maggie is the liaison librarian for Computer Science, Environmental & Sustainability Studies, Earth and Environmental Science, and Kinesiology. She also coordinates Government Documents, Discovery Layer Interface, and Numeric and Geospatial Data. Britanie is the liaison librarian for Business, Classics, Comparative Religion, Economics, History, as well as Special Collections and Promotion and Outreach.

Acadia’s Library has launched a few exciting new initiatives in the fall academic term. These projects include a partnership with the public library to provide leisure reading to university students. This was modelled after the St. F.X. and Antigonish Public Library’s project which was highlighted at the 2016 APLA Conference by our own President Suzanne Van den Hoogen. Acadia and Annapolis Valley Regional Library’s venture is called the “Garden of Reading” and kicked off on September 22 with a pink gorilla, jolly ranger cotton candy, and a great selection of books on brightly coloured shelves. The Library has partnered with the Writing Centre and faculty members to provide a new referral system for students called “Prescription for Academic Success”. You’ll be likely to hear more about it at an upcoming conference or in a library journal once the pilot is completed. Acadia has also repackaged our award winning “You Quote it, You Note it” tutorial into a plagiarism support program to help reduce/eliminate plagiarism. Developed within the course management system Moodle, this new program offers the tutorial, a new quiz, and the option to sign up for in person librarian-led sessions during the month of October.